

A TRIBUTE TO ANA WALKER-  
GOLDSON

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 16, 2011*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of the achievements of Ana Walker-Goldson.

Ana was born and raised in the Canal Zone of the Republic of Panama. She was exposed to business at an early age; her grandparents, Claude and Louise Walker, were proprietors of the McGrath Walker Business School and Publishers of the Panama Tribune. Ana holds two degrees from Long Island University: a B.A. in Business Administration and a M.A. in Communication. Over the years, she worked in an administrative capacity for several companies, including Beecher, Peck & Lewis and Borden, Inc.

Ana is a founding member, and former Senior Vice President, of the Caribbean American Chamber of Commerce & Industry, Inc (CACCI). She presently serves as the Director of Operations for the Flatbush Caton Market on behalf of CACCI. Flatbush Caton Market, located in the East Flatbush section of Brooklyn, houses over 45 vendors of diverse ethnic backgrounds and several offices. The market was envisioned and initiated by former New York City Councilmember Una Clarke to remove vendors from the streets. It was officially opened in January 2002. Under Ana's leadership, the market received the distinguished Village Voice "NYC 2009 Best Ethnic Market Award" and is recognized and showcased by numerous media outlets.

Ana is a mentor to many, including Aduke Aremu, with whom she partnered to create the International Arts Business School. Ana is widely recognized for her community dedication and youth advocacy. She received numerous awards from community leaders, including Congresswoman YVETTE CLARK and Brooklyn Borough President Marty Markowitz.

Ana is married to a retired military officer, Fernando Goldson. They are proud parents of their daughter, Sonja, and equally proud of their grandchildren. Ana is truly a people person. She lives her life by being a blessing to those she serves. Ana's greatest accomplishment is her daughter, a soft cleft baby and a breast cancer survivor. She thanks her mother, Iona Walker, for the gift of life and gives God Almighty all the glory for the things He has done and will continue to do in her life.

Mr. Speaker, I urge my colleagues to join me in recognizing Ana Walker-Goldson.

RECOGNIZING THE 125TH ANNIVERSARY OF TENSION ENVELOPE COMPANY

**HON. EMANUEL CLEAVER**

OF MISSOURI

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 16, 2011*

Mr. CLEAVER. Mr. Speaker, I proudly rise today in recognition of the 125th Anniversary of Tension Envelope Corporation, a prestigious family-owned business in Missouri's Fifth Congressional District, which I am honored to represent. In 1886, the forerunner of

Tension Envelope opened in Kansas City, Missouri, as Berkowitz and Company. Named after its founder, William Berkowitz, the company specialized in popular advertising novelties and business stationery. In 1894, the company put into operation the first envelope machine west of the Mississippi River.

By 1901, the company began to fully concentrate on envelopes, which were in great demand by businesses and organizations. William Berkowitz's two sons joined the firm in 1907, and the company's first envelope patent was issued in 1909. Sons Walter and E.B. Berkowitz assumed management of the company as the 1920s approached. Walter soon discovered new high-speed envelope folding machinery that had been developed in Germany. The company purchased the North American patent and distribution rights and brought the equipment into the United States, revolutionizing the American envelope industry.

In 1937, the company acquired another pioneer in the U.S. envelope industry, the Tension Envelope Company of Brooklyn, New York. In 1944, all of the Berkowitz Envelope manufacturing and sales operations were consolidated under the widely recognized name of Tension Envelope Corporation. In 1962, Bert Berkley, grandson of the company's founder, became President and CEO of Tension. In 1988, Bill Berkley, great grandson of the founder, became President and CEO.

Today, Tension Envelope Corporation is one of the nation's leading manufacturers of envelope products, selling directly to companies and organizations across the United States. Tension manufactures many of the envelopes you see and handle every day. With its headquarters in Kansas City, Missouri, the heart of Missouri's Fifth Congressional District, Tension produces over eleven billion envelopes a year with plants, distribution, and service offices stretching from coast to coast.

Not only have Tension's leaders revolutionized an industry with their ingenuity, they are also dedicated philanthropists. Bert Berkley, Chairman of Tension, has a long history of participation in local, regional, and national civic and advisory councils. He even co-authored a book, *Giving Back*, on the subject of volunteering, sharing with the community, and involvement with charitable endeavors. My good friend, Richard Berkley, served as Mayor of Kansas City, Missouri, for three terms prior to my election to that post in 1991. He currently serves as Tension's Secretary and Treasurer as well as several area civic advisory boards. Current President and CEO, Bill Berkley, has served on the boards of several area nonprofits, businesses, and education organizations.

Considering the tremendous contributions of Tension Envelope Corporation to Missouri's Fifth Congressional District and surrounding areas, it is an honor and a privilege to recognize the leaders and employees for their one hundred and twenty-five years of excellent service to the Kansas City area and beyond. Mr. Speaker, please join me in celebrating the Berkley Family and expressing our gratitude to Tension Envelope Corporation for their incredible dedication to both their industry and community.

JIM MAHLER, LABOR LEADER OF  
THE YEAR

**HON. BOB FILNER**

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 16, 2011*

Mr. FILNER. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor a very dedicated committed leader of the labor movement who deserves to be recognized for his many achievements and contributions to organized labor.

The past year was an important one in the history of California's Labor Movement, with workers campaigning to restore a pro-labor governor for California.

Tens of thousands of California's union members dedicated 2010 to ensuring that our next governor would stand up for the fundamental right of workers to organize.

In San Diego, American Federation of Teachers Local 1931 President Jim Mahler answered nearly every call in ensuring that collective bargaining rights and worker protections remained a priority in California.

As workers prepared for the March for California's Future, which featured union members marching from Bakersfield to Sacramento in a call to solve the state's budget crisis, Mahler committed his union to driving its success. Several buses full of AFT Local 1931 members and their students left San Diego City College at dawn on March 5, bound for Los Angeles and Bakersfield, to kick off the historic march.

When the Labor Council proposed an aggressive approach to courting voters' support for Jerry Brown for governor, Mahler and AFT Local 1931 committed \$100,000 to fund the program. He also realized money alone could not win the governor's race, so he organized nightly phone banks to support Brown and Proposition 25, the simple majority budget bill. His organizing yielded phone bank nights and Saturday precinct walks that overflowed with student and teacher volunteers.

For his dedication to keeping California worker-friendly, I join with the Executive Board of the Labor Council in congratulating Jim Mahler as the 2011 Labor Leader of the Year.

A TRIBUTE TO DENISE SULLIVAN

**HON. EDOLPHUS TOWNS**

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

*Wednesday, March 16, 2011*

Mr. TOWNS. Mr. Speaker, I rise today in recognition of Ms. Denise Sullivan.

Denise Sullivan was born in Jamaica, New York, to Albert C. Wiltshire and the late Jeannette Morgan-Wiltshire. Denise has three wonderful children, Chris, Michael and Danielle. She takes great pride in her public school education and understands the importance of higher education; Denise graduated from Forest Hills High School and New York City Technical College (formerly known as New York City Community College).

While Denise pursued a liberal arts curriculum at New York City Technical College, she had career interests in healthcare. Denise entered the profession in 1985, as a Registration Clerk for the Cumberland Diagnostic & Treatment Center. Her exemplary work for this